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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council for its substantive session of 2009 has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 2009 (Council decision 2009/___).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2009, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (Council decision 2009/___).

Appointment of 25 members of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Under the terms of resolution 2004/69, the Council was to take note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of 25 experts who would serve on the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters in their personal capacity for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2013. The terms of office were to begin on 1 July 2009. However, due to the deferral of the notification process from the resumed organizational session of the Council, the terms of office of the new appointees will now begin on the date of notification to the Council at its substantive session. The list of appointees, together with their biographical information, will be before the Council.

Committee for Development Policy

Under the terms of resolutions 1998/46 and 1998/47, the Council was to consider the nomination of 24 experts by the Secretary-General who will serve on the Committee for Development Policy in their personal capacity for a three-year term beginning 1 January 2010. The Council deferred action on the nominations to a later date, when information on the nominees would be made available. The list of nominees and their curricula vitae will be before the Council at its substantive session.

Documentation

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2009 (E/2009/L.__)

Status of documentation for the substantive session of 2009 (E/2009/L.__)

Note by the Secretary-General on the appointment of 25 members of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2009/9/Add.____)

Note by the Secretary-General on the appointment of 24 members of the Committee for Development Policy (E/2009/9/Add.____)

A. High-level segment

2. **High-level segment:**

(a) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 61/16, the Council will hold a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy during its high-level segment.

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2009: overview (E/2009/50)

World economic situation and prospects, as of mid-2009

(b) Annual ministerial review:

Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health

Pursuant to paragraph 155 of General Assembly resolution 60/1 entitled "2005 World Summit Outcome", and paragraph 10 of Assembly resolution 61/16, on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the annual ministerial review (Council decision 2007/272). The report will incorporate inputs from a number of relevant United Nations entities and draw upon the outcome of the global preparatory meeting of the Council, held on 31 March 2009. The report will also provide policy recommendations for consideration by the Council.

In addition, the Council will have before it relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session (New York, 9-13 March 2009) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46) and the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the annual ministerial review

World Economic and Social Survey, 2009: overview (E/2009/50)

World economic situation and prospects, as of mid-2009

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session (E/2009/33)

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

(c) Thematic discussion:

Current global and national trends and their impact on social development, including public health

Pursuant to paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the General Assembly, in its resolution 61/16, decided that the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

Pursuant to Council decision 2008/257, the theme for the thematic discussion at its substantive session of 2009 would be "Current global and national trends and their impact on social development, including public health".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the thematic discussion

World Economic and Social Survey, 2009: overview (E/2009/50)

World economic situation and prospects, as of mid-2009

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session (E/2009/33)

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

B. Operational activities segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

At its sixty-third session, in its resolution 63/232, the General Assembly:

- In paragraph 4, requested the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, making use of existing capacities within the Secretariat and, if necessary, voluntary contributions, to take the necessary steps to integrate by 2010 information from the report on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures and its statistical addendum into the report on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, to provide appropriate online access to this information and to report to the Economic and Social Council in 2009 on progress in this regard, and encouraged the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund to take the necessary decision to make that possible.

- In paragraph 14, recognized the increasing complexity of the international aid architecture, and in that regard encouraged the organizations of the United Nations development system to continue to explore ways to engage with other development partners in order to strengthen their complementarity and the implementation of their mandates, taking into account the importance of national priorities of programme countries, and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations development system, to report on efforts in that regard in the context of his annual report on the implementation of resolution 62/208.

- In paragraphs 16 and 17, reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to take, in full consultation with Member States and observer States, measures: (a) to promote an adequate and expanding base of development assistance from the United Nations system, taking into account, inter alia, the development priorities of programme countries; (b) to promote an upward trend in real contributions to operational activities for development, to identify obstacles to the achievement of that goal, and to make appropriate recommendations in that regard; (c) to promote the predictability and the multi-year pledging of funding for operational activities for development; (d) to promote an appropriate balance between core and non-core contributions; and requested the Secretary-General to report, in the context of his annual report on the implementation of resolution 62/208, on measures taken in that regard, bearing in mind the provisions of the resolution, and including feedback from Member States on ways to achieve the aims contained therein.

At its sixty-second session, in its resolution 62/208, the General Assembly:

- In paragraph 93, requested the Secretary-General to report on an annual basis to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session on the functioning of the resident coordinator system, including costs and benefits. In that regard, in paragraph 13 of its resolution 2008/2, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in his annual report on the functioning of the resident coordinator system, to report on the participation and support to the functioning of the resident coordinator system of the United Nations system, including the non-resident agencies, and on progress in enhancing development impact, coherence, effectiveness and efficiency and costs and benefits of coordination through the resident coordinator system, with specific attention to the regional and country levels.

- In paragraph 94, encouraged efforts by the United Nations development system to improve the selection and training process of resident coordinators, and requested the Secretary-General to report on the subject to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2009. In that regard, the Council, in paragraph 17 of its resolution 2008/2, requested the Secretary-General, in his response to paragraph 94 of General Assembly resolution 62/208, to bear in mind the various coordination functions of the resident coordinators.

- In paragraph 112, requested the executive boards and governing bodies of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies to assess the progress achieved, including costs and benefits, in the area of simplification and harmonization of the United Nations development system at the global, regional and country levels, analyse the potential impacts on development

programming and report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session on an annual basis. In that regard, in paragraph 22 of its resolution 2008/2, the Council requested the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that the information provided in response to paragraph 112 of General Assembly resolution 62/208 was presented at future sessions of the Council in the form of a report.

- In paragraph 125, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report identifying human resources challenges within the development system at the country level and formulating recommendations for improvements. In that regard, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 2008/2, the Council recalled the request of the General Assembly to the Secretary-General, in paragraph 125 of Assembly resolution 62/208, and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Civil Service Commission, to submit that report to the Council at its substantive session of 2009 and to cover in the report the issues raised in paragraph 126 of Assembly resolution 62/208.

- In paragraph 142, requested the Secretary-General, on the basis of information provided by the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations development system, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive sessions of 2009 and 2010, detailed reports on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to the resolution on the triennial comprehensive policy review in order to evaluate the implementation of the resolution, with a view to ensuring its full implementation. That request was also reaffirmed by the Council in paragraphs 6 and 7 of its resolution 2008/2.

In its resolution 59/250, paragraph 23, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to undertake triennially, as of 2006, a comprehensive review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation.

At its substantive session of 1998, the Council invited the Secretary-General to arrange for the submission by the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes, in consultation with the United Nations Development Group, to the Council at its annual substantive session, of a concise consolidated list of issues that were central to the improved coordination of operational activities and on which the funds and programmes sought consideration by and guidance from the Council, in particular in regard to the triennial policy review, and to include in the list recommendations whenever possible (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2007[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Report of the Secretary-General on the functioning of the resident coordinator system, including costs and benefits

Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken by the executive boards and governing bodies of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies in the area of simplification and harmonization of the United Nations development system

Report of the Secretary-General on the human resources challenges within the United Nations development system at the country level and recommendations for improvements

Note by the Secretary-General: Review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation

Conference room paper: Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities

(b) **Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme**

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, and Assembly resolution 62/208).

The Council requested the funds and programmes, through their executive boards, to include in their annual reports to the Council: (a) a section outlining measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the triennial policy review of operational activities; and (b) a section on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme of the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment (Council resolution 1994/33).

The reports include a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from the implementation of the Secretary-General's reform programme, the triennial comprehensive policy review and the follow-up to international conferences, so as to allow the Council to fulfil its coordinating role (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, and Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51).

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2008 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2009 (E/2008/35 and DP/2009/___ and ___)

Report to the Council of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2009/5)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2008 (E/2008/34/Rev.1), its first regular session of 2009 (E/2009/34 (Part I) and E/2009/34 (Part I)/Add.1)

Annual report to the Council of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2009/6)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2008 (E/2009/36)

Annual report of the World Food Programme for 2008 (E/2009/14)

(c) South-South cooperation for development

The General Assembly, in its resolution 33/134, decided to entrust the overall intergovernmental review of technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations system to a high-level meeting of representatives of all States participating in the United Nations Development Programme, to be convened by the Administrator of the Programme in accordance with the provisions of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (see also General Assembly resolution 58/220).

In paragraph 13 of its resolution 62/209, the General Assembly decided to convene a High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action no later than the first half of 2009 and requested the President of the General Assembly to entrust the President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation with undertaking the necessary consultations with Member States in order to prepare for the proposed conference, with a view to the Assembly's taking a decision, during its sixty-second session, on the nature, date, objectives and modalities of the conference, making use of the existing coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system.

In its resolution 63/233, the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to entrust the President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation with undertaking, while making use of the existing coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system, the necessary consultations with Member States in order to prepare for the proposed High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, with a view to the Assembly taking a decision, during its sixty-third session, on the nature, date, budgetary implications, objectives and modalities of the Conference.

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its sixteenth session (A/63/39)[1]

C. Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council

At its sixtieth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 60/252, requested the Council to oversee the system-wide follow-up of the Geneva and Tunis outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, namely, the Declaration of Principles

and the Plan of Action and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (see also Council resolution 2006/46). At its sixty-third session, in its resolution 63/202, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its sixty-fourth session, through the Council, a report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to resolution 63/202 on information and communication technology for development.

At its substantive session of 2008, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on measures taken to implement the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council for consideration by the Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of the following year (Council resolution 2008/29).

The Council also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2008/29).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (A/64/64-E/2009/10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council (see also under item 8)

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (see also under chapeau of item 6 and item 8)[1]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its organizational session for 2009, the Council decided that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment for its substantive session of 2009 would be "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian assistance: present challenges and their impact on the future" (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decisions 1999/208 and 2009/___).

In its resolution 63/139, the General Assembly requested the Emergency Relief Coordinator to continue his efforts to strengthen the coordination of humanitarian assistance and called upon relevant United Nations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, as well as other humanitarian and relevant development actors, to continue to work with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enhance the coordination, effectiveness

[2] 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265.

and efficiency of humanitarian assistance, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009, on progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations and to submit a report to the Assembly on the detailed use of the Central Emergency Response Fund (Council resolution 2008/36).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations[1]

E. General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2008/29) (see also under items 4 and 8)[1]

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The General Assembly, in its resolution 58/230, requested the President of the Council, with support from the Vice-Presidents, to enhance the Council's interactions through regular exchanges with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on organizational matters related to the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, within the context of the preparations for the high-level meeting with those institutions, bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 57/270 B and Council resolution 2003/47, and to report thereon to the Council.

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development[1]

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

At its substantive session of 2008, the Council, in its resolution 2008/37, requested the Secretary-General to step up appropriate measures for the implementation of the advocacy strategy on the effective and timely implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 in coordination with all relevant stakeholders and to submit an analytical and results-oriented annual progress report on the further implementation of the Programme of Action and to make available adequate resources, within existing resources, for the preparation of

such a report. The report is submitted to the General Assembly, through the Council, in response to paragraph 111 of the Programme of Action (see also General Assembly resolution 63/227).

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[1]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2008 (Council decision 2001/321).

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-ninth session will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (Council resolution 2008 (LX)).

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2008/09

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-ninth session (A/64/16)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (General Assembly resolution 58/269 and Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (see relevant fascicles of A/64/6)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its substantive session of 2008, the Council requested the President of the Economic and Social Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources, the due fulfilment of the provisions of the Council resolutions on the item, to facilitate the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and to continue the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives and, in that regard, requested the Working Group to continue its efforts to act as a bridge between the evolving needs of Member States and the actions of the Secretariat, and

also requested the Working Group to consider its future role, status and mandate and develop findings in that regard. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its substantive session of 2009 on action taken in follow-up to the resolution, including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2008/6).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken in respect of the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 2008, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Council in 2009, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote socio-economic recovery and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities and building upon the Interim Cooperation Framework and the growth and poverty reduction strategy paper, and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms. The Council requested the Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council at its substantive session of 2009 (Council resolution 2008/10).

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

At its sixty-third session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 63/159, requested that reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies systematically address gender perspectives through qualitative gender analysis and, where available, quantitative data, in particular through concrete conclusions and recommendations for further action on gender equality and the advancement of women, in order to facilitate gender-sensitive policy development. The Assembly also requested all bodies that dealt with programme and budgetary matters, including the Committee for Programme and Coordination, to ensure that programmes, plans and budgets visibly mainstreamed gender perspectives.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged the Economic and Social Council to continue its efforts to ensure that gender mainstreaming was an integral part of its work and that of its subsidiary bodies, through, inter alia, implementation of its agreed conclusions 1997/2 and its resolution 2004/4. It requested the Council to continue to encourage its functional commissions to mainstream a gender perspective in their respective follow-up actions to major United Nations conferences and summits and to develop more effective means to ensure the implementation of outcomes on gender equality at the national level, including

through increased consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women. The Assembly also requested that the entities of the United Nations system systematically incorporate the outcomes of the Commission on the Status of Women into their work within their mandates, inter alia, to ensure effective support for the efforts of Member States towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and that reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the Assembly facilitate gender-sensitive policy development by more systematically including qualitative gender analysis, data and recommendations for further action.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly also requested that the Secretary-General continue to report annually to the Assembly under the item entitled "Advancement of women", as well as to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation (see also under items 13 (l) and 14 (a)).

At its substantive session of 2008, the Council requested all relevant United Nations entities to maintain their efforts to raise awareness of gender issues within their organizations and across the United Nations system and requested the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality to continue to provide practical support to its members in gender mainstreaming, explore possibilities for developing an accessible and consolidated database of trained facilitators at the country and regional levels, in consultation with Member States, and report regularly to the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination in order to facilitate the incorporation of gender mainstreaming perspectives into their work. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its substantive session of 2009 a detailed report on progress made in the implementation of its resolution 2008/36, including updated information on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Council resolution 2006/36 (Council resolution 2008/34).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

(f) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

At its substantive session of 2007, the Council requested the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to further develop and finalize its draft guidelines on gender in consultation with Governments, donors, the United Nations system, global HIV initiatives, civil society and all relevant stakeholders, focusing on concrete actions to achieve gender equality and equity in national HIV/AIDS responses. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council, at its

substantive session of 2009, a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme, in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, which should include information on progress made in implementing the coordinated response of the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the outcome of the aforementioned external evaluation of the Joint United Nations Programme and the independent assessment and review of the sustainability of HIV/AIDS financing (Council resolution 2007/32).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

(h) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Council will be required to approve its calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2010 and 2011 (Council decision 52 (LVII)).

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2010 and 2011

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265, including 61/16

At its substantive session of 2008, the Council requested the functional commissions, the regional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with their mandates, as appropriate, to contribute to the annual ministerial review and to the Development Cooperation Forum, in the context of their respective annual workplans, taking into account their specificities. It also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on measures taken to implement the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Council for consideration by the Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of the following year (Council resolution 2008/29).

In the same resolution, the Council decided to review the periodicity of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16, at its substantive session of 2009, with a view towards further enhancing the effectiveness of the report, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the subject for consideration by the Council at its substantive session of 2009 (Council resolution 2008/29).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council (see also under agenda item 4)

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United

Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (see also under item 4 and chapeau of item 6)[1]

9. **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/140 on assistance to the Palestinian people, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the resolution, containing: (a) an assessment of the assistance actually received by the Palestinian people; and (b) an assessment of the needs still unmet and specific proposals for responding effectively to them.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 2008, the Council, in its resolution 2008/15 on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations, requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so that they might take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories. The Council also requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories.

In the same resolution, the Council requested the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact on those matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2009.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

10. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein. The report will bring to the attention of the Council any decisions or recommendations of the regional commissions that statutorily require its approval. The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (Council decision 1979/1).

A section of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation will deal with the following topic: "Regional perspectives on the global economic and financial crisis, including the impact on global public health" (Council decision 2009/___).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2007/16).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2009/15 and addenda)

The economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States in 2008-2009 (E/2009/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2009 (E/2009/17)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2009* (E/2009/18)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2009-2010 (E/2009/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2008-2009 (E/2009/20)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Council, at its substantive session of 2008, in its resolution 2008/31, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the

resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304, the Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its 2009 session (New York, 19-28 January, 2 February and 18-27 May 2009) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The dates of the 2009 session of the Committee and its provisional agenda were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/228.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2009 regular session (E/2009/32 (Part I))

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2009 session (E/2009/32 (Part II))

13. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventeenth session (New York, 4-15 May 2009) (Council decision 1993/207). The provisional agenda and documentation for the seventeenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/237.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session (New York, 9-13 March 2009) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the work of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (Council resolution 2007/36).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventeenth session (E/2009/29)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session (E/2009/33)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the work of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the work of its twelfth session (Geneva, 25-29 May 2009) (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex, and Assembly resolution 56/182). The provisional agenda and documentation for the twelfth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/220.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twelfth session (E/2009/31)

(c) Statistics

The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its fortieth session (New York, 24-27 February 2009) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fortieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/238.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its fortieth session (E/2009/24)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2008/239).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-second session (Nairobi, 30 March-3 April 2009) (General Assembly resolution 56/206).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda[1]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-second session (A/63/8)[1]

(e) Environment

The Council will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fifth session (Nairobi, 16-20 February 2009) (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 63/220).

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Council (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets in regular sessions every

two years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolution 53/242).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fifth session (A/63/25)[1]

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on the work of its forty-second session (New York, 30 March-3 April 2009) (General Assembly resolution 49/128). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-second session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/240.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-second session (E/2009/25)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighth session (New York, 30 March-3 April 2009) (Council resolution 2001/45). The provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/254.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighth session (E/2009/44)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fourth session (Council resolution 2004/69). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fourth session were approved by the Council in its resolution 2008/16.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fourth session (E/2008/45)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its eighth session (Council resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49). The provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decision 2007/277.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its eighth session (E/2009/42)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(k) Cartography

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fifth session (Nairobi, 5-12 May 2009) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)).

The Council will also have before it the reports of the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (New York, 10-14 August 2009) and of the Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 26-30 October 2009) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fifth session

Report of the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

Report of the Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

(l) Women and development

The Council will have before it relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session (New York, 2-13 March 2009) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24) (see also under items 7 (e) and 14 (a)).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session (E/2009/27)

(m) Transport of dangerous goods

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2007/6).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session (New York, 2-13 March 2009) (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-third session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/236 (see also under items 7 (e) and 13 (l)).

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. The Institute functions under the authority of the Executive Board, which reports annually to the Council (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session (E/2009/27)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women[1]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-seventh session (New York, 4-13 February 2009) (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/244.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-seventh session (E/2009/26)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1). The provisional agenda and documentation for the eighteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/245.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighteenth session (E/2009/30)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-second session (Vienna, 11-20 March 2009) (Council resolution 9 (I)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-second session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/247.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2008. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2008.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-second session (E/2009/28)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2008

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and should continue the existing practice, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly (General Assembly resolution 58/153).

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No advance documentation has been requested

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fortieth and forty-first sessions (Geneva, 28 April-16 May and 3-21 November 2008) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141).

At its sixty-second session, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children to report annually to the Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Economic and Social Council and to ensure that the reporting contained relevant, accurate and objective information on violence against children, taking into account the views of Member

States and observers, the outcome of the special sessions of the Assembly on children and the United Nations study on violence against children, bearing in mind existing mandates (General Assembly resolution 62/141).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fortieth and forty-first sessions (E/2009/22)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[1]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children[1]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eighth session (New York, 18-29 May 2009) (Council resolution 2000/22). The provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decision 2008/251.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eighth session (E/2009/43)

15. United Nations research and training institutes

At its sixtieth session, the General Assembly decided that article IV, paragraph 5, of the statute of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy, should be amended so that the biennial reports on the activities of the College are submitted to the Economic and Social Council rather than to the Assembly (General Assembly resolution 60/214).

At its sixty-first session, the General Assembly decided that instead of being submitted in 2008, the report of the Council of the United Nations University and other reports on the work of the University should be submitted biennially to the Economic and Social Council, rather than to the Assembly for its consideration, beginning in 2009 (General Assembly resolution 61/216).

At its sixty-second session, the General Assembly decided to streamline the reporting arrangements of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research through: (a) consolidation of the reports of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute; (b) submission of the new consolidated report of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council rather than to the Assembly; and establishment of a biennial reporting cycle starting from 2009 (General Assembly resolution 62/210).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/210 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research